

Fort Crown Point

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French, British, and Americans have all laid claim to Crown Point, a strategic peninsula jutting into southern Lake Champlain. The French and British constructed forts here, and ruins of both remain in this state historic site. The huge British fort, Fort Crown Point, was damaged by an explosion in 1773, captured by Americans in 1775, and abandoned in 1777. Also known as Fort Amherst, it was built on the most up-to-date military principles of its time, and—in its ruinous but unaltered state—is considered one of the finest colonial-era fortifications in the country.